

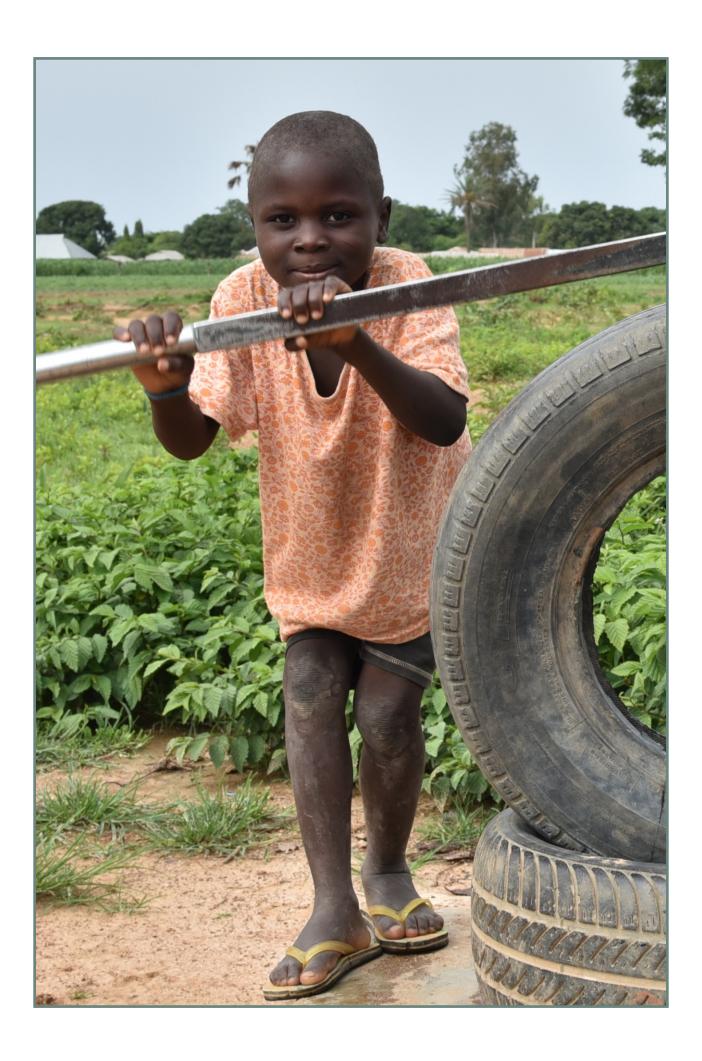
About BudgIT

BudgIT is a civic organisation driven to make the Nigerian budget and public data more understandable and accessible across every literacy span. BudgIT's innovation within the public circle comes with a creative use of government data by either presenting these in simple tweets, interactive formats or infographic displays. Our primary goal is to use creative technology to intersect civic engagement and institutional reform.

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INTRODUCTION

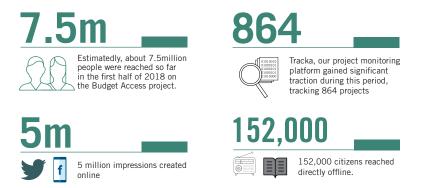
2018 presented us the opportunity to harness the support we received from our donors to continue in our relentless efforts towards ensuring that we keep Nigerians aware of government budgets, spending, revenue generation among others. We are deliberate in our activities this year, considering it is a pre-election year in Nigeria, and there is a deep need for us to join forces with other actors to strategically encourage increased citizengovernment engagement and civic education without meddling into political lobbying or partisan activities.

We started out the year with a strategy retreat, where we had our vision, mission, and values sharpened for improved effectiveness and efficiency. We also set a course of action for the year by developing an annual activity plan across various departments within the organization. Activities with clear performance indicators and success matrices were itemized and became a guide for work activities. Though the enacted budget which is the base document of our activities was signed into law towards the end of the first half of the year, we were still able to significantly deliver tangible results.

Specifically, our research team continued to distil and simplify the budgets and other related public information at national and subnational level increasing citizens' knowledge and nudging respective government authorities for improved service delivery.

Estimatedly, about 7.5million Nigerians were reached in the first half of the year 2018 on the Budget Access project. About 12 different research works were undertaken in this period under review. This include: cost of governance publication, 2018 security budget analysis, Buhari's 3rd year economic reports, State of States factsheet, several memos, among others. This is in addition to countless opportunities we had to share insights with different media viz: TV, radio, online, print, and social media.

In the same view, Tracka, our project monitoring platform gained significant traction during this period, tracking 864 projects with over 5 million impressions created online and over 152,000 citizens reached directly offline. 35 blog posts were published and shared on reputable media platforms. Tracka was able to establish two partnerships to enhance its project outcomes and have commenced the process of concretizing another partnership with a government agency – National Orientation Agency, which has the capacity to increase Tracka's reach to all 36 States and 774 local governments in the country.



In this first half of 2018, Tracka witnessed more responsiveness of elected officials than before. Though this has not attained an acceptable threshold, it is a good sign that better days of accountability to the people and improved service delivery is around the corner. A workshop was held for all Tracka's Project Tracking Officers during this period and established community champion initiatives, which aimed at increasing the number of citizens directly tracking government project implementation and improving civic education, especially among rural citizens.

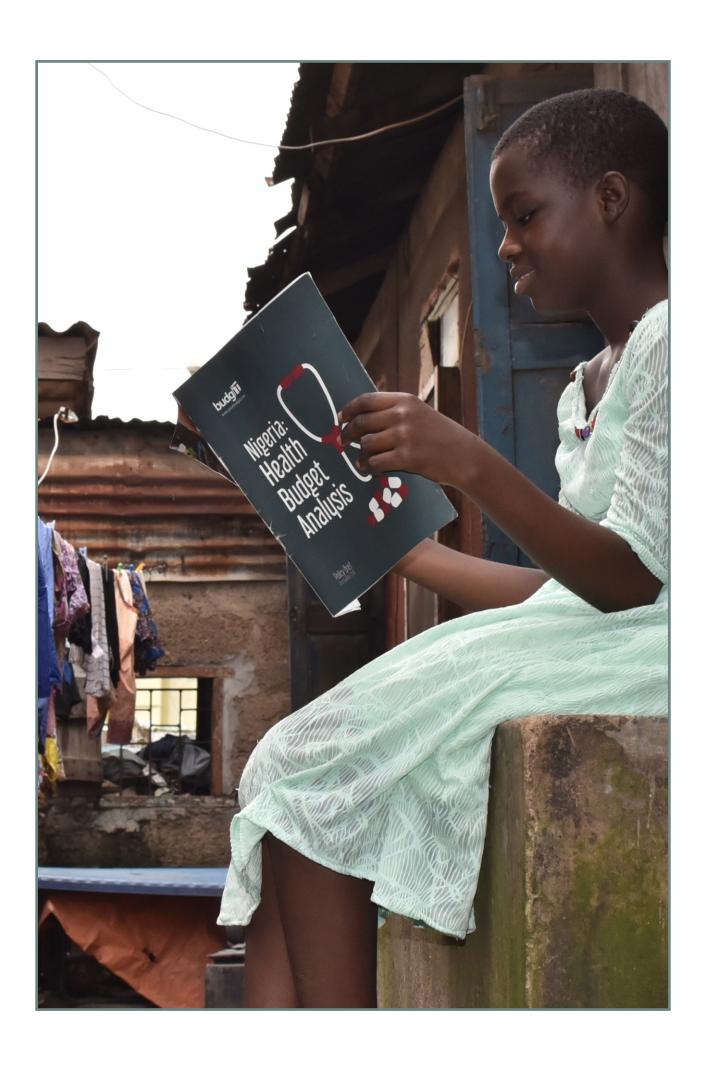
We had the opportunity within this period to generate conversation around the central message of Mr Bill Gates during his august visit to Nigeria's special session of the National Economic Council. BudgIT significantly expanded the conversation beyond the speech, held an event specifically for this which was broadcasted live on Channels TV – adjudged the most credible TV station in Nigeria and other media. This was geared towards calling the required attention of government to the need to focus on investments that foster the human capacity development of the Nigerian people.

Other departments also made outstanding contributions to the overall results of the organization in this first half of 2018.

It is worthy of mention that the role of General Manager, Operations was filled at the beginning of the year to support the Lead Partner to steer the wheel of the organization, improve brand visibility, manage donor relationship, and establish leadership presence within the organization.

This has consequently, brought about some bit of restructuring, which is still an ongoing process, in order to make the best use of the human and non-human resources of the organization. Overall, our self-appraisal is not looking bad but we are confident that the second half of the year will yield better results.





BUDGET ACCESS

Donor: Open Society Initiative for West Africa, Ford Foundation

n 2018, The Research team, through the Budget Access Project, continues to make the budget and other related public information at the National and Sub- national level more accessible to the increasingly expanding army of active citizens reaching an estimated 7.5million Nigerians through social media, conferences, electronic media, blogs, online media, print media, SMS, emails, print publication, and other media sources. Our work on Budget Access in the first half of fiscal year 2018 includes curating and sharing over 73 infographics on various topics including government's revenue, expenditure, debts, macroeconomic variables, trade policies, social economic data, among others.

The Research team also distilled and simplified the 2018 enacted budget of the Federal Government. The Citizen's Budget was shared through various digital platforms to stimulate actionable debates. The Research team also wrote series of memos to the government at the national level, highlighting areas of inadequacies and sectors that need strengthening.

Memos and briefs were sent to the office of the Auditor General of the Federation, Budget Office of the Federation, the Presidency, and the National Assembly on various topical issues including the need to improve health and education sector funding and on the need to improve the timeliness and comprehensiveness of various budget documents. A detailed analysis of security sector spending, health sector spending and education sector spending was also done in the period under review.

A comprehensive research paper using a political economy approach was also done to understand why the cost of governance and the cost of government is high in Nigeria. Also, 2017 (Third Quarter) budget implementation report was reviewed and analysed.

Asides the dissemination research result and sharing of insights gained to various audiences through our social media outlets and digital platforms, the Research and Data Team conceptualised and delivered the following publications and reports, under the Budget Access Project:

Cost of Governance Publication: A narrative and data- driven analysis of the cost of governance in Nigeria, comprising of the Federal and some State governments.

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2018 Security Budget Analysis: A narrative and data- driven analysis of the Federal Government of Nigeria's security sector spending.

2017 Budget Performance Review: Analysis of budget implementation Report of the third quarter of 2017.

Buhari's 3rd Year Economic Report: Sets of infographics on the Buhari's government's economic performance across board.

Ikorodu Local government: Publications on some facts about Ikorodu.

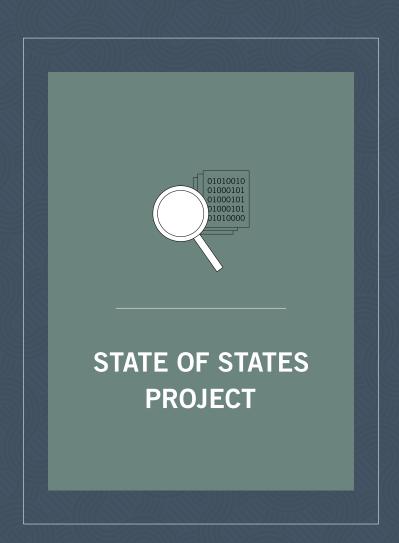
Memo to the National Assembly: Memo was sent to the National Assembly on the need to strengthen the National Assembly Budget and Research office, improve the timeliness and comprehensiveness of the eight key budget document and strengthen the office of the Auditor General of the Federation.

Memo to the National Assembly: Memo was sent to the National Assembly on the need to improve health sector spending and implement the National Health Act.

Memo to the National Assembly : Memo was sent to the National Assembly on the need to improve Education sector spending.

Memo to the Budget Office of the Federation: Memo was sent to the Budget Office of the Federation on the need to improve the timeliness and comprehensiveness of the eight key budget document.

Memo to the Auditor General of the Federation: Memo was sent to the Auditor General of the Federation on the need to improve the quality of Nigeria's audit reports including the production and timely release of key audit reports including the compliance, financial, and performance audits.





STATE OF STATES PROJECT

Donor: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation

t the subnational level, BudgIT simplified the 2018 proposed and approved budget for Kaduna State, under the Open Kaduna Project. Also, a citizen version of the Kano, Niger, Plateau, Delta, Kogi, Ondo, Katsina and Kwara State budgets were simplified and produced for citizens to understand the government's plan at the sub-national level.

An advocacy campaign centred on the need for other States to voluntarily make their budgets public was intensified. Currently, BudglT has the largest cache of sub-national data - which we are making available to the public. Most significantly, BudglT undertook a research series covering all states' fiscal positions, including a survey on the level of transparency at the state level. The publication accesses the availability of state governments' key budget documents including the proposed budget, the enacted budget, budget implementation report, year end reports, and audit reports.

The Research team also compiled facts on all States. Information presented in the "State of States Fact Sheet" include revenue allocation and generation figures, budget figures, debts and other social economic indicators. The document which gives an holistic insight into state public finance in Nigeria was disseminated across social media platforms and on BudglT's website. The information was widely used by news media organisations and academia.

The Research team also completed a Health policy document which is cross cutting. The document reviewed the challenges limiting Nigeria's health sector, identified what governments at state level are doing to reverse the trend, highlighted areas of inadequacies and left key recommendations based on feedback taken from citizens, civil society actors, organised private sector, and professionals. The Report was widely shared on BudgIT's digital platforms and the print version was distributed.

Also, a qualitative enquiry was done to identify opportunities at the state level. Letters were written to the 36 state governments requesting for critical information on states' economic plan, actual revenue collections, expenditure outlay, assets, economic potentials, and opportunities. The research team also did a follow up memo on BudglT's key focus states. Memos on the need to realign budget estimates with the revenue reality and by extension guarantee the credibility of the budget process was sent to the Kaduna, Kano and Niger state governments. The memo also urges the government of Niger, Kano and Kaduna to expand the layer of information in the public domain. The focus States are encouraged to collect and release more information on the health and education sector to aid effective monitoring of government policies.



The Research and Data Team conceptualised and delivered the following publications and reports, under the State of States Project:

State of States Factsheet: Compilation of public finance data.

Transparency Survey: A review of availability of key budget documents at sub-national level.

Others

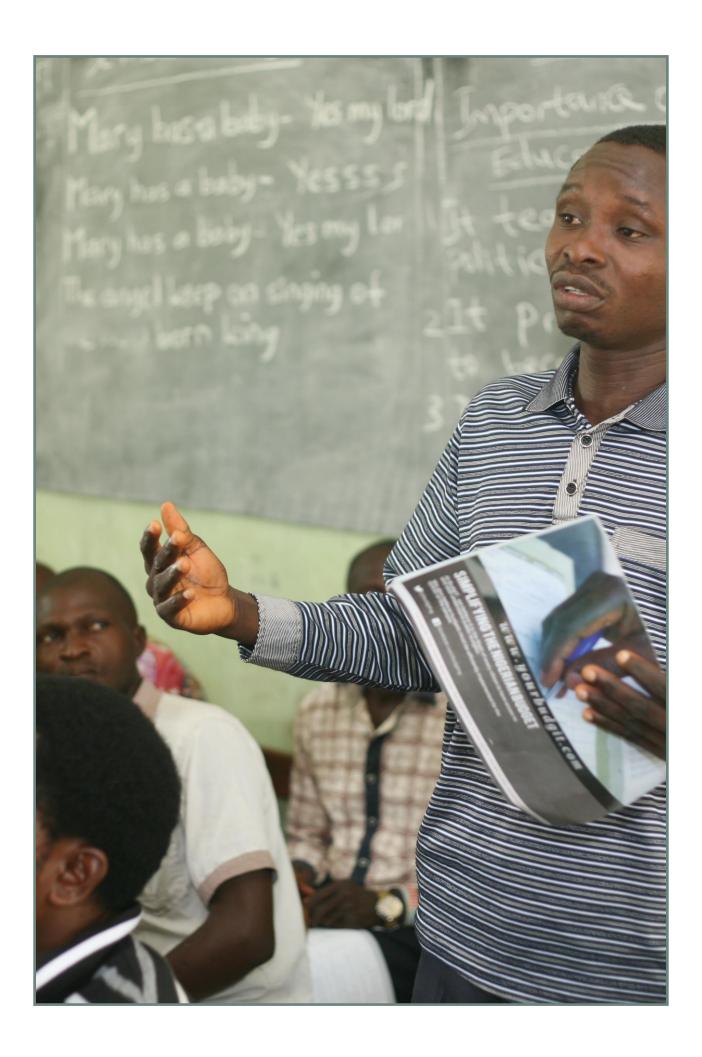
The Research team also worked on the Open Budget Survey for the International Budget Partnership, simultaneously making a presentation to top policymakers in Nigeria on the current state of the country's budgeting system, proposing a methodology for sustainably managing the Open Budget Survey. The result of the research was disseminated and widely reported by almost all major newspapers in Nigeria.

A detailed memo on how Nigeria can improve on the Open Budget Survey Index was also submitted to the Director- General of the Budget Office of the Federation, the National Assembly, Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and the Office of the Auditor General of the Federation. Interactive videos and infographics on the Open Budget Survey were shared across BudgIT's digital platforms.

In terms of data and institutional support, BudgIT was able to respond to the 1128 data requests sent in by citizens, organised private sector, civil society organisations, and the government. 162 SMS on key budget facts were sent to the public. The Research team was also able to support the media with training. The team also appeared in various forums to discuss and share insights on challenges militating against the overall growth of the economy.

We shared insights drawn from our engagements with Citizens and the Government alongside findings from our research on public finance management, the economy, and other socio-economic challenges on Electronic Media including AIT, Rave TV, MTV, Silverbird, ChannelsTV, CNBC, TVC, Nigeria Info, Jordan FM, Sweet FM, SmoothFM and Rave FM.





TRACKA

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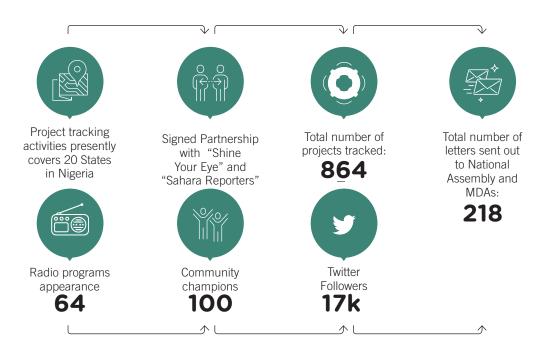
Tracka continues in its core responsibility of raising the level of community participation and tracking of government-owned projects around them. Tracka used online platforms to reach its urban citizens and the Project Tracking Officers to reach the underserved communities across Nigeria through consistent engagements with citizens in the rural and urban area. A total number of 617 communities in 374 local government area in the 20 focus States have been visited by the team to sensitize residents on the 2017 budgetary provisions captured in their communities. 864 projects have been tracked; 416 have been completed, 241 is ongoing while 207 have not started. These figures capture from January to June 2018.

The team wrote 218 letters to members of the National Assembly and MDAs requesting details and implementation status of projects nominated in their constituencies/senatorial districts and also inquired from the respective MDAs that are responsible for the project execution to avail the locations of the unspecified projects in the 2017 Budget as 70% funds was confirmed released by the Federal Government for implementation of capital projects.

The team held 105 town hall meetings across the focus States to sensitize residents on the 2017 budgetary provisions and encouraged residents to take ownership of government projects in their communities. This has enhanced inclusive participation of citizens in demanding for projects' implementation from their elected representatives. Through town hall meetings and community sensitizations across the focus States, over 152,000 citizens were reached within the period of January to June 2018.

In this same period under review, we held a training workshop for our Project Tracking Officers, which was aimed at reinforcing the skills and knowledge of the officers in improved and effective reporting. We also used the opportunity to train them as trainers for the Community Champion Initiative we launched earlier in the year. It was also a period to build their capacity in investigative journalism, based on the partnership Tracka has established with Sahara Reporters.

Tracka signed a Memorandum of Understanding with "Shine Your Eye" for the purpose of facilitating common understanding and commitment towards promoting



transparency and accountability on constituency projects in Nigeria and ensure improved service delivery. Consistently, we leveraged on the platforms of traditional media outlets to reach more audience through our various radio programs viz: "Office of the Citizen" on Naija Info, 99.3FM and Sweet FM, 107.1, "Open Kano" on Arewa Radio 93.1 FM, "Open Kaduna" on Freedom FM 92.9 and "Open Niger" on Prestige FM. Issues around the implementation of constituency projects in these focus states are discussed.

The team wrote 35 blog posts on projects across the respective States to open up gory discoveries from the field and the deprivation being suffered by citizens. This significantly influenced the speedy implementation of several projects in Ogun, Kebbi, Osun, Sokoto, Lagos, and Imo states. While some still remain undone despite the awareness created on the projects, we have achieved a huge success by calling on the respective lawmakers who nominated projects in their respective constituency/Senatorial districts through our online engagement via the use of our Twitter handle and Facebook posts.

We have also called upon MDAs to give accounts of the implementation status of projects and through the hashtag #GetInvolved campaign, our Twitter followers have grown tremendously to 17,000 followers as the end of June 2018.

Find the attached links to some of our the blog post.

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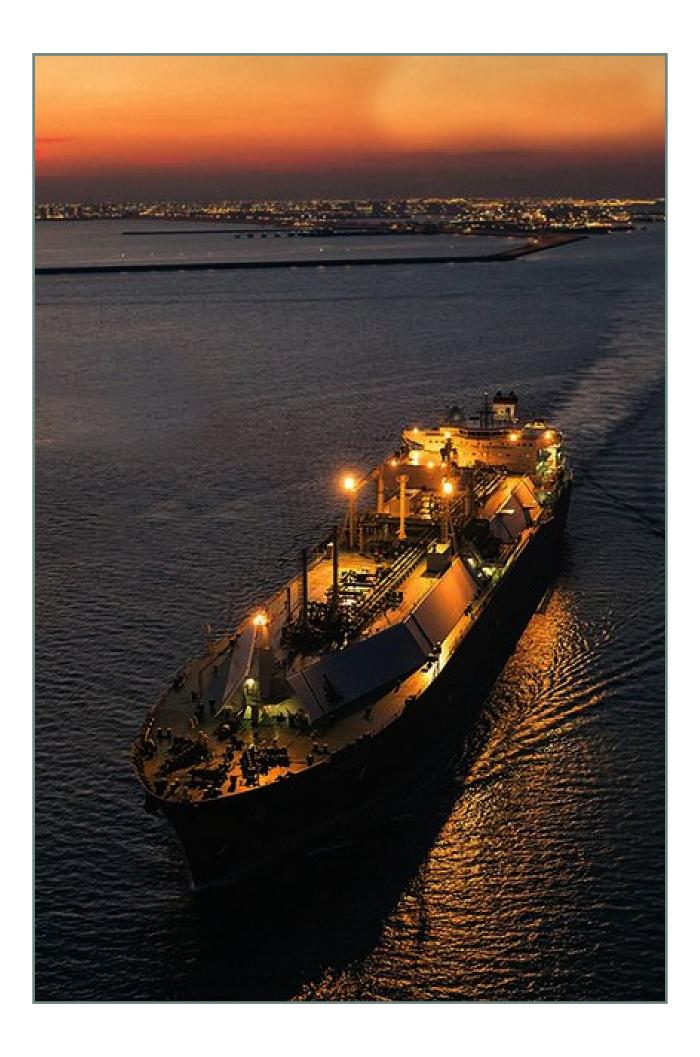
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EXTRACTIVES

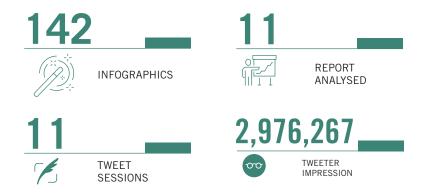
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ey to the activities of BudgIT Foundation as a civic organisation is the vision to motivate Nigerian citizens to utilise public information to demand accountability, transparency and openness from the public officials that govern them. Extractive industry data has more to offer, considering the significance of the revenue from the sector to the economy of Nigeria. However, the untimely availability of the extractives industry data raises questions about the opacity of extractives operations which allows corruption to thrive within the sector.

In the first half of 2018, BudgIT stepped up its interest in extractive data through rigorous analysis and public engagement. We also used our platform to demand the timely release of NNPC Monthly Financial and Operations Report. In 2018 so far, we have analysed five NNPC Monthly Financial and Operations reports that provide comprehensive data in the oil and gas industry. We made interesting observations and recommendations available to stakeholders and citizens in a visualised format and were shared extensively on our social media platforms, creating conversations online on highlighted issues. An average of 450,000 citizens was reached and millions of impression created online.

Another aspect of our work in Extractives that stood out in the first half of 2018 was the analysis of reports by the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) and the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI). The team in collaboration with the creative department carried out training and production on infographics and videography for NEITI staff in Abuja. NEITI engaged the service of a Consultant to review the 2014 Oil and Gas Audit Report, which was completed towards the end of 2017.

The validation report was analysed, visualised by the team to identify the outstanding remediation issues in the report, and two videos were produced as well. A media engagement was held to present the infographics and discuss the information contained therein; the engagement was intended to generate ideas for further actions that could be undertaken by the stakeholders concerning the issues raised.



Likewise, we analysed the NEITI 2015 Oil and Gas Audit Report, pulling out facts and figures for further dissemination amongst our community. We also analysed Nigeria's Oil and Gas Revenues Briefing Dataset that was released by NRGI in December 2017.

As a result of the European Union regulations that require that oil companies publish payments they make to the governments of oil producing countries, we were able to analyse reports on payments made by Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Total Plc and Statoil Plc to the Nigerian Government in 2017. This was then visualised and shared on our social media platforms.

In the period under review, we widely publicized the Petroleum Industry Governance Bill that was passed into law by the National Assembly. We equally participated actively in the public hearings organized by the Federal House of Representatives and the Senate respectively on the much awaited three other parts of the Petroleum Industry Bills — Petroleum Host and Impacted Communities Development Bill (PHCDB), Petroleum Industry Fiscal Bill (PIFB) and Petroleum Industry Administration Bill (PIAB). We wrote two blog posts on our findings. We also submitted a Memo on the PIBs to the Senate and analysed the PIAB and PHICDB which was visualised and shared online.

We had our first Extractive Working Group Meeting in May 2018; it focused on thorny areas that need resolution in the Oil & Gas Industry. These include Subsidy transparency, Gas flaring menace, Petroleum Industry Bills (PIGB, PIAB, PIFB and PHICDB). 11 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were represented with 16 persons in attendance. 18 issues were raised covering these three thorny areas, and 9 action points were suggested including investigating the beneficiaries of the over N1.4 trillion subsidy payment which was masked as "under-recovery". A key theme that guided the conversation during the Working Group Meetup was "What do we need to do as CSOs to make the 18 issues raised, 'front burner' issues?".

In this same period, we facilitated data journalism training that reached 12 extractive journalists on how to effectively use data to build themes on the extractive industry and



produce stories that will highlight the fundamental issues in the Nigerian oil and gas sector. The training was facilitated by experts in the field of research, communications, data mining, and the oil & gas industry. At the end of the training, the participants were charged to utilise their new skills in data journalism to write and publish at least one story on one of the key themes in the oil and gas industry (Upstream, Downstream, National Oil Company, or the Regulatory authorities).

In order to widen our reach beyond our online community, we went on radio campaigns at Nigeria Info 99.3FM, via the platform of the "Office of the Citizen" to discuss Petroleum Industry Governance Bill and gas flaring. We also went into in-depth research on gas flaring, a product of literature review and data analysis.

This research focused on the opportunity cost of gas flaring, the present legislation and regulations we have governing gas flaring in Nigeria, what is being done presently, and what else can be done to curb gas flaring in Nigeria.

Key Links

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INSTITUTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Donor: OXFAM, MacArthur Foundation, Open Society Initiative for West Africa.

BudgIT in partnership with OXFAM, run a project to reduce inequality in Nigeria. We attempt to steer the tide of disparity in the country through increased engagements with Citizens and the Government. We wrote and published three articles on the prominent print outlets such as the Cable Newspaper and The Nation.

Considering the role of the media in the society, BudgIT also facilitated interaction sessions with members of the Press and Civil Society groups. The main assembly had a total of 6 journalists, 29 members from different Civil Society Organisations to draw their attention and steer the conversations towards the growing rate of inequality in Nigeria. These engagements helped to amplify the voices of citizen groups and keep government attention to inequality and the budget-drivers (through budgetary misallocations).

The opinion pieces also mobilised public attention to inequality and how public policies, including budget appropriations, political systems deliberately escalate disparities. BudgIT developed an animation video to illustrate the inhumane conditions of an ordinary Nigerian, juxtaposing it with the opulence in specific urban areas. This video went viral and ignited interactions on our social media platforms.

As a result of these engagements, we observed an increased budgetary allocation to the health sector as passed by the National Assembly. Though this may not be credited to BudglT's effort, however, we recognise our contribution to this result through our Publication on Inequality which was shared with the Government, creating more profound interest on contextual issues around inequality.

We equally sent a Memo to NASS on the budgetary allocations on the health and education sectors for them to increase the allocations appropriately in the sectors.

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EDUCATION PROJECT

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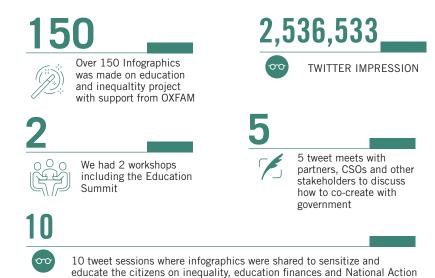
Under our education project with support from MacArthur Foundation, we started the year with the analysis of proposed budgetary allocation to the education sector both at Federal and State levels especially states that have their budget publicly available. Generally, the Federal Government budgetary allocation to education had little improvement when compared to 2017 budget.

At the State level, we analysed the Kaduna State Education budget. Infographics were created and shared on all social media platforms which created quite a number of engagements, birthing further engagements and discussions with State actors and CSOs on reforms and implementation of capital projects in the education sector.

On February 27, BudgIT hosted an event called the Education Summit which dived into issues of corruption, inadequate funding and service delivery. There were representatives from Joint Admissions Matriculation Board, TETFUND and also over 35 civil society organizations were present.

Though we sent out invites to the Ministry of Education and other education agencies to attend the workshop, only the Ministry of Education didn't attend the event. The representative of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board was present, Dr. Shaubi who represented the Registrar. He spoke more on the reforms in the agency and ways they have tried to minimise corruption. The event had over 400 participants from different NGOs, CSOs, and education agencies in Nigeria.

We used the instrument of Freedom Of Information (FOI) to demand from UBEC the unaccessed funds and work plans of Kaduna and Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB.) The analysis shows that a total sum of N68.04bn has not been accessed by 31 States as at April 30th, 2018 while 6 states (Kebbi, Borno, Jigawa, Gombe, Lagos and Osun) have accessed Universal Basic Education (UBE) funds. These findings were conceptualized in infographics and shared on all our social media platforms.



OTHERS

BudgIT also contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 7 by researching and developing a publication on renewable energy. The publication explains the importance of going green which is economical and cost effective. The publication was distributed at a monthly Power Dialogue event organised by Nexter Advisory.

We also partnered with the Renewable Energy Association of Nigeria where we gave the association copies of publications to distribute with her members. A video was also developed which talks more on the importance of renewable energy and how Nigeria can make it affordable.

Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) is a body responsible to facilitate the achievements of national policy goals for universal access and service to ICT in rural, unserved and underserved areas in Nigeria.

We did an FOI memo to the agency requesting for a breakdown of their budget to ascertain the projects captured and implemented. Infographics of the analysed data was published in a document which was shared at the Internet Freedom Forum in Abuja. Projects listed under the agency were tracked and a documentary was produced which captures the status of the projects.

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OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



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Donor: Open Society Initiative for West Africa.

The Open Government team focused on expanding collaboration and partnership with all stakeholders. On Open Government Partnership (OGP), Nigeria is now running its second half of the two-year implementation period. BudgIT continues to support the OGP process through direct engagement with the OGP Secretariat and coordination of the Civil Society Organizations through Open Alliance. In the period under review, we facilitated increased understanding of media and citizens groups on their roles and responsibilities of the OGP process, improved the skills of media practitioners on reportage of OGP, and brokered relationships between media practitioners and citizens groups working on the OGP process. Open Alliance engaged over 50 media practitioners who kickstarted reportage on OGP in Nigeria.

In the same vein, Open Alliance grew from 50 members in 2017 to 105 in the first quarter of 2018. BudgIT undertook capacity building support for all the Open Alliance members on engagement strategy in the implementation and monitoring phase of the OGP process. We also used the opportunity of the capacity building meeting to showcase Open Alliance National Action Plan tracking tool (www.nap.openalliance.ng) for reviews and thoughts. We also continued to build public awareness on OGP and Nigeria's commitment through social media engagements, interviews on CS Talk News, Nigeria Info FM Abuja, and Nigeria Info FM Lagos.

BudgIT embarked on subnational campaign in order to entrench transparency at the State level. State governments continues to resist efforts to be transparent in the management of the taxpayer's money. As at December 2017, only two states had their approved budgets in the public domain. BudgIT intensified its transparency campaign to put pressure on state governments to publish their annual budgets and other financial documents online. Over eleven (11) infographics and three (3) press statements were released on the opacity in the states. As at June 2018, fifteen (15) States published their budgets online and BudgIT translated details of the budget documents into infographics for engagements with citizens.

The campaign will continue in the second half of the year with direct institutional engagement with state government officials.

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OPEN ALLIANCE ENGAGED OVER 50 MEDIA PRACTITIONERS

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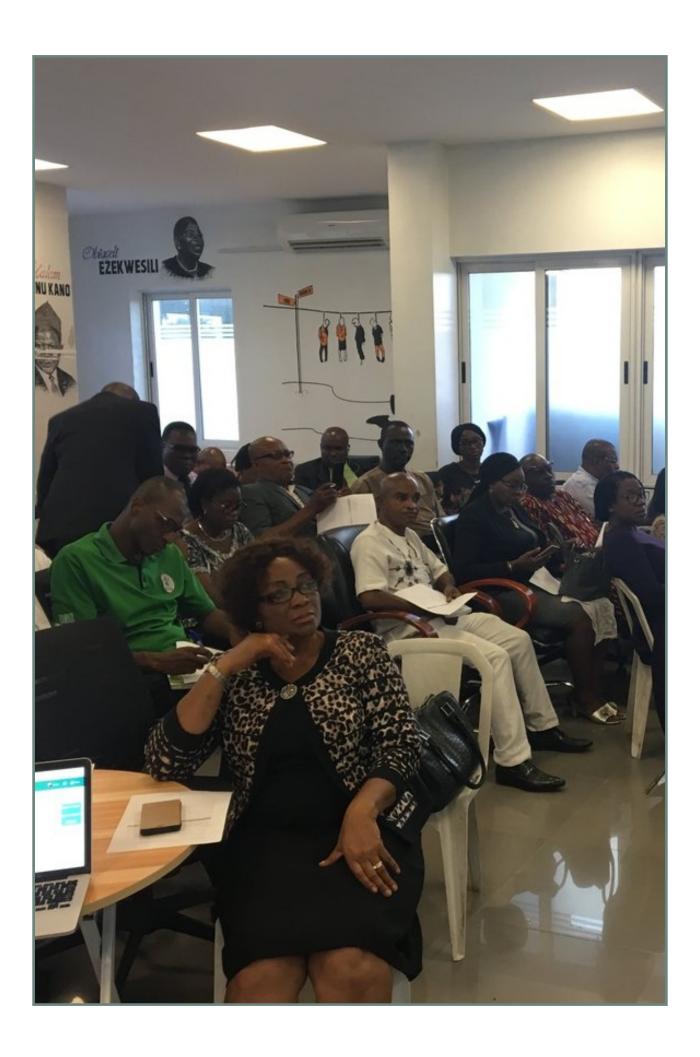
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AS AT JUNE 2018, FIFTEEN (15) STATES PUBLISHED THEIR BUDGETS ONLINE AND BUDGIT TRANSLATED DETAILS OF THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS INTO INFOGRAPHICS FOR ENGAGEMENTS WITH CITIZENS.







CIVIC HIVE

Civic Hive, the innovation centre of BudgIT, was founded in 2017 to help accelerate anyone who has a passion and a plan to create a solution to the social problems around. In a bid to develop lasting solutions that connect citizens and government. Having supported over 20 Organisations in its first few months of existence, Civic Hive trained 76 Civil Society groups on the use of data for advocacy, data visualisation tools and Social media usage.

The Creative Communication training held in two locations - Lagos and Abuja. Civic Hive, being the bed for civic tech products and innovation projects, have provided support for six fellows from the cradle to full formation of their ideas. One of our key goals is to encourage creative and innovative civic tech ideas to promote good governance in the country as well as to strengthen a network of active citizenry participation government.

In January, we held a Demo Day event at the Hive to showcase all the solutions that went through our nine months incubation period, the Civic Hive Fellowship. At the showcase, we were able to unveil six solid products, which addressed issues in the health (OpenMedic), education (Eduplanna), access to justice (Gavel), access to locate missing persons (Locate), women rights inclusion (Ladders) and telling the stories from the grassroots (Amplify). These solutions have reached over 2,000,000 people in impressions. 2018 has been an eventful year, Civic Hive took it upon itself to hold at least a major event every month. The aim is to keep the eco-system up to date on the happenings in the governance space and also seek to learn from the community and also share our knowledge with the community.

Creative Communication Workshop: This project is an initiative to support existing Civil Society Organisations. The training targeted their engagement and storytelling approach. It kicked off in Lagos in February with 53 members and subsequently in Abuja in May 2018 with 75 participants. The training sessions were tailored to teach the use of data for reporting, data visualisation tools, social media engagement rules and report writing. Feedback says the training has increased their visibility through better engagements.

http://civichive.org/2018/06/09/creative-communication-workshop-abuja/

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Diplomatic Dialogue: Civic Hive hosted Laure Beaufils, the British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria on their works to improve good governance in Nigeria. Together with the DFID Country Director, they both steered towards the UK Government interventions in the country to promote transparency and accountability. The dialogue helped to engage the thoughts of the participants to determine what interventions to build and scale up. The UK governemtalso established their aid through the DFID projects funds for Civil Society Organisations in Nigeria.

http://civichive.org/2018/04/30/diplomatic-dialogue/

Stomach Infrastructure Ideation: Civic Hive hosts Stomach Infrastructure Ideation on the 29th and 30th June, 2018. The event focused on how to crack grassroots politics in a non-transactional way. The program brought together citizens, thought leaders and professionals to discuss how to eradicate stomach Infrastructure and proffer solutions to this menace used as a tool by politicians on the disadvantaged few.

We had three critical speakers to ignite conversations on new ideas to kill apathy, galvanise grassroots support, and encourage critical thinking along the credibility of electoral candidates, their visions and qualifications. It also aimed to put an end to this degenerated act of stomach infrastructure. Lessons from the event were distributed on a medium page and shared across our social media platforms.

https://medium.com/@BudglTng/five-lessons-from-civic-hives-stomach-infrastructure-ideation-16e0fa55c82a

Civic Hive has partnered with other Organisations Such as EIE Nigeria, Padman Africa, Gavel, Climate Change to hold conversations around towards trending social issues such as #OccupyNigeria, #EndSARS #ThursdayTalks etc over the past six months.





AMPLIFYING OUR CAUSE

A crucial part of BudgIT's mission is to make the Nigerian Budget simple and accessible to all citizens, and we often examine our means and mode of engagement. Our four thematic areas remain- Budget Access, Tracka, Extractives, and Institutional Support. Each unit works independently to deliver value, open up government finances to promote transparency and accountability, increase efficiency and ensure service delivery through citizen participation in public project tracking. Our work in the grassroots provides service delivery through project monitoring and reporting, demystify the issues of extractive resources with a focus on accountability and fiscal inclusion and also render support to willing institutions - Media, Civil Society Groups, and the Government.

BudgIT's communication team employs regular Press Releases to address critical issues regarding States' and Federal Government fiscal positions. Our monthly newsletters are designed to keep our audiences abreast of our activities and impact within the civic tech space, and we have engaged over 1,200 people through this medium over the past six months. Our social media tractions on Twitter hit 100,000 in the first half while our Facebook page likes grew by 11,000 during the period.

We commenced our conversation on "Investing in People program" in March 2018 to urge the Nigerian governments at all levels to invest human capacity development in Nigeria as this is the only guarantee to a safe and sustainable country. This event had notable thought leaders like Oluseun Onigbinde, Bisi Ogunwale, Cheta Nwanze, Adebola Williams, Ify Aniebo and Fati Abubakar to engage young Nigerians to collectively demand deliberate investments in health, education and other sectors that equalise opportunities for more Nigerians.

The conversation was held in the context of the presentation by world's most prominent philanthropist, Bill Gates, to the expanded session of the National Economic Council. Participants watched the entire presentation and provided extensive feedback on the need for governments to prioritise the welfare of the people. We plan to scale these discussions to 5 different States across the geopolitical zones in the country.

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This year, BudgIT is more deliberate about promoting transparency at the national level, to improve efficiency around their budget and encourage citizens' participation in government at all stages. We look forward to the launch of the "State of States" report later in August 2018. The report examines the revenue, expenditures, and opportunities for the 36 states. Our advocacy on the Federal Government's 2018 Budget went beyond simplifying the numbers but also making recommendations to the budget office. BudgIT criticised the masking and insertion of several opaque items with little or no bearing on the economy by the National Assembly.

In summary, BudglT's Civic Hive project supported 76 Civil Society Organisation through the Creative Communication workshop in Lagos and Abuja respectively. The training was designed to help CSOs with the use of data, tech, designs, and storytelling to improve their advocacy. The focus is to increase their engagements through better narratives. Civic Hive also hosted series of social events and Ideation over the first half of the year.

In June, we held a Stomach Infrastructure Ideation to discuss how to penetrate grassroots politics without resolving to the sharing of gifts and cash. We also had the monthly Thursday Talks conversation in partnership with the EiE Nigeria, BudgIT and YNaija. The monthly discussion brings together thought leaders, change agents and active citizens to demand good governance driven by active citizenship. The next few months are filled with exciting activities loaded with budget advocacy, project monitoring and forward-thinking conversation to encourage human capital development.



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